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REMARKS


Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance for the reasons presented previously in response to the rejections of the Examiner in the parent application. For example, Mr. Ward states in paragraph 3 of his declaration:

"In our method, very low levels of carbide stabilizers, such as chromium and phosphorus, and a very low level of tin, are used in molten grey iron casting metal, which is inoculated with silicon to a level of about 0.10% to about 0.12% while it is in the pouring ladle, and poured as soon as possible after inoculation, and the castings are shaken out while hot, in excess of 1400°F."

As set forth in Applicants' Response to Final Action Mailed October 17, 2003, even if Tache and Bostater et al. were combinable, which is contrary to Mr. Ward's declaration, their combined teachings would provide an alloy with about twice the percentage of the carbide stabilizer phosphorus, about one hundred fifty percent of the carbide stabilizer chromium that are used in Applicants' method, and would further include 0.15% nickel and 0.15% to 0.20% copper. Such teachings are contrary to the invention and Applicants' use of "very low levels of carbide stabilizers." Applicants' claims, particularly amended claims 1 through 5, which are no longer open, and new claims 15-17, present an invention which is neither taught by nor obvious in view of the cited references. Favorable consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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